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Atty. J. Mercer Burrell
23 Howard St.
Newark N.J.

Dear Mercer:

While I am calling this an invitation, it is almost a command performance. Our Negro Baseball season is about to start. We open here in Newark Sunday May 16th. It would not be opening day, and there would be a great big void, if The Attucks Guard Post 152 of The American Legion was not there.

I am sure the fans would all miss the group, and opening day would not be the same. In view of all these things, plus the fact that I do so earnestly want you all to be my guest, I am sure you will honor me, and the occasion with your presence.

The ceremonies will start at 1.30 as usual. I am working on an interesting program, but due to the fact the baseball program was so late getting under way, I have not completed all arrangements. However I am sure it will be the same colorful affair as always.

Hoping for an early reply,

Very Truly Yours